



the Inside Scoop...of OJJ

Mission:

The Office of Juvenile Justice protects the public by providing safe and effective individualized services to youth, who will become productive, law-abiding citizens.



Dr. Mary L. Livers, Deputy Secretary

As ever, this issue of *The Inside Scoop...of OJJ* is packed with news and notes about activities in our offices and facilities. As I always tell you, it gives me a lift to read about the great work you all are doing, the community activities you are involved in and the successes you are having with our youth.

It's especially nice for me right now, being laid up at home with this broken leg. It makes me feel more a part of things, since I have not been able to get out and around to visit P&P offices and facilities as I usually do. I can't wait to be able to get to the office and travel once again. They always say you don't appreciate what you have it until it's gone, and I'll tell you, being independent and just being able to walk around seem like a huge privilege. I can't wait to get back on my own two feet.

In the meantime, I'm keeping up electronically, and reading about your activities, and sort of envying everyone who is outside in this wonderful weather. It's about to get hot, and no doubt, that's when I'll get my feet back under me.

So keep the faith and keep the good news coming. You are the best team ever and I'm proud to be a part of it.

"Doc" Dr. Mary L. Livers

The Daily Motivator

Today is a choice

Today is a choice. Choose to make it beautiful and productive.

Today is filled with challenges, opportunities, frustrations, possibilities and much more. Choose to make good and meaningful use of it all.

No matter what you have chosen or failed to choose in the past, today you can choose to live at your highest, most fulfilling level. No matter what today brings, you can respond with love, kindness, joy, gratitude and genuine enthusiasm for making a positive difference.

In all of time, today is the one day with which you can now work. Today you can choose to express the miracle of existence in a way that is uniquely yours.

Today, you can choose to lift up and strengthen the values and visions that truly mean the most to you. Today you can choose to rise above the petty negativity and to focus on bringing new beauty and richness to life.

Today is a choice, and you are in a position to make it the smartest, most loving, authentic and meaningful choice you've ever made. Today is your choice, so choose to make it the best one yet.

— Ralph Marston

*English Rose
"Evelyn" in
Port Hudson.*



Staff Spotlight

Spotlight on...

PPO 3 Mark Benton Hammond OJJ

PPO3 Mark Benton has always had an interest in law enforcement, and earned his bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Southeastern Louisiana University. Before



joining OJJ almost ten years ago he had a little detour, serving as production manager for a newspaper. He took a civil service test to see what his options were, and discovered a position open in the Hammond OJJ office. Then-**RM Julie Eudy** offered Mark the job, and he thought, that is what my education is in, and I've always been interested in law enforcement, and I enjoy working with kids and helping them solve their problems...and there are so many disadvantaged kids....

Well, ten years later Mark feels the job is a good fit. His regional manager, **Sue Larisey**, agrees.

"I chose Mark to spotlight as he has been with the Hammond Office for nearly 10 years," said **RM Sue Larisey**. "When I first became RM in Hammond, Mark was one of the first probation officers I had a lot of contact with. I have always been struck by Mark's calm demeanor. He has a calm, cool way of working with the youth under his supervision. He takes the time to listen to the youth and their parents, which helps him to find the right services to address their needs. Mark is compassionate and will go out of his way to assist anyone he comes in contact with. Mark works in the Hammond City Court and is the drug court liaison. He carries a high caseload on average of 36 youth but you never hear him complain. Mark is a team player and a valuable asset to the Hammond Regional Office."

“It’s important to give the youth an opportunity to voice their reasons for making the mistakes they made,” Mark said. It’s important to them – a lot of the youth just want to be heard; they just want to express why they did something. I have a pretty good relationship with my kids. You can tell them why it was wrong to do what they did, but giving them the opportunity to voice their concerns is still important. You have to let them have their voice. You may get a report from the school – the child did this or the child did that. But the kids want to tell their side of the story. If you don’t give them their say you feel like you’re not really there for them.”

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“I was very naïve about what kids did ten years ago,” Mark continued. “I did not know why they behaved a certain way, or what programs we had to help them. It was a real eye opener. I could not imagine a 13-year old armed robber. There was a whole world out there that I’d never been exposed to, and I would hear about bad things all the time.”

“I try not to be just a Probation Officer, but a mentor as well,” Mark went on. “I’m not here to lock them up. It’s important to have meetings with kids to talk about their probation, and at the end to talk with them about what they are going to do. I talk with them about the things THEY are interested in doing - sports, playing video games, whatever they are interested in, not just their probation. If all you talk about is probation and their mistakes, it will burn the kid out at some point.”

“A lot of time no one asks the kids ‘how was your week? Or how did you do in your game?’ A lot of times the kids really need to know that someone genuinely cares about

them,” Mark said. “When kids are getting ready to full term (they have served the full term of their disposition and are about to be released from OJJ supervision), I tell them that just because they are not on probation any longer, it doesn’t mean I am going away. I give them the opportunity to call me if they need to talk, or to tell me about their accomplishments.”

“Kids need adults to talk to that are not parents,” he went on. “There are things I’ll tell my friends that I would not have told my parents – life questions that I would not feel comfortable talking about with parents. Kids always have the fear of consequence if parents know certain things. Being available to talk is important to them. I do get occasional calls from former youth – they might call if they are trying to get into college or a vo-tech school. They may send copies of their GED that they finished when they got off probation. I always preach education to them, so it always feels good to know that a kid has finished up with their GED, or diploma, or any educational achievement.”

“...when that one kid calls after he has gone, to let me know how he is doing, it makes me feel... that I got through to that kid.”

Mark noted “when that one kid calls after he has gone, to let me know how he is doing, it makes me feel that I’m doing my job. It makes me feel that maybe I got through to that kid. It’s also hard to open up the newspaper and see that a kid has gotten arrested. Often it’s the environment that gets them back into trouble.”

Mark meets weekly with the kids who are in drug court, and he spends time with their parents. The case manager has phone contact with the kids once a week as well, so if any problems arise, they can provide assistance and also help with the parents. “We use MST (multisystemic therapy) counseling to help –

often the biggest thing is to help parents learn ways to handle problems.

“Developing a decent relationship with the kids sometimes means the difference between being successful or not.”

“I try more than anything to be fair to the kids,” Mark said. “I think that’s my biggest asset. When I have to detain or arrest a kid for any reason, I ask if there was something I could have done to prevent that. They understand why they did something wrong. I make sure they know that I’m fair to them. If they don’t have that trust in you, they close up and just shut down on you. My opinion is that you can only go as far as the kid will let you. If they do not open up, it makes the job harder. Developing a decent relationship with the kids sometimes means the difference between being successful or not.”

“I don’t see moving away from the job,” Mark added. “You’ve got to be able to adapt to kids, that’s the ultimate enjoyment of the job, being out there with the kids. On the job, I’ve got to be the hammer, but we also get to take the drug court kids on trips and provide them with experiences they would never have.”

“When we filled in at Bridge City, some of the kids are rough, but you can tell they are kids who made a bad decision. Sometimes I make a bad decision. I think a lot of our kids never had a person to guide them. Growing up, I feared and respected my parents. It all starts with the home. A lot of times when a kid is on probation, you get the whole family, not just the kid. If you can get the parents’ buy in, you are a lot more successful with the kids.”

The Tickfaw native is a graduate of Independence High School in the town of Independence, north of Hammond. Yes,

Mark is a Saints fan. “I love sports, anything with sports - football, baseball, basketball,” he said. “Now I’m a spectator, but I played Little League as a kid. I also still play video games. I’d rather be accused of sitting at home playing video games than drinking in a bar.”

Mark has two little boys, six year old Mikah and three year old Trent. Like their dad, the kids are sports fans, and they attend lots of Saints and LSU games with him. When he is not taking them to games, Mark says they watch them on television together on Sundays, all wearing their jerseys. “They could say ‘Saints’ and ‘LSU’ and ‘who dat’ before they could say Mom and Dad,” Mark said. “They are my life, they are everything – that’s what motivates me every day. In this work, you see the dangers for children, and I do not want my children to be there. When I’m not at work, I spend time with the kids, being boys and playing in the dirt.”

Family is very important to Mark. He has a brother in Gonzales and a sister in Slidell, several nephews and one niece. “We are a very close family,” Mark noted, adding that their mother lives in Tickfaw. Their father passed away in 2000, he said, but the family remains close. “We make sure we take care of Mom, she’s in good shape,” Mark said. “Mom went back to college and got her degree after dad passed. We supported her and encouraged her to finish school. Dad made her promise to finish. He still has a lot of influence on us even though he is gone. We do a lot of things as a family, get-togethers, vacations. We take our children with us, the kids go everywhere. My only rule with the kids is no night Saints games, day games only. Night games - that’s daddy’s time out.”

Taking care of OJJ kids by day and his own kids by night, Mark spends his life meeting the mission – and making a difference in the lives of children.

CQIS POLICY UPDATES

Policies approved in March:

- A.2.13 Americans with Disabilities Act – (Employees, Applicants, Candidates, Visitors) 3/27/12
- A.2.50 Flexible Work Schedules 3/20/12
- A.4.1 Contract Manual 3/27/12
- B.6.8 Notifications to Courts when Youth are Seriously Injured 3/8/12
- B.8.14 DNA Protocols 3/16/12
- C.1.3 Crimes Committed on the Grounds of YS Facilities/Office Buildings and/or Properties 3/29/12
- C.1.8 Firearms Training 3/2/12
- C.2.1 Escapes, Runaways, Apprehensions, and Reporting 3/9/12
- C.2.8 Youth Visitation in Secure Facilities 3/9/12
- C.2.21 Security Manual 3/8/12
- C.4.6 Securing Physical Evidence 3/20/12
- C.5.5 Performance Standards 3/8/12

No policies were rescinded.

Policies approved in April:

- A.2.5 Family and Medical Leave of Absence 4/10/12
- A.2.30 Mail Precautions 4/30/12
- A.2.48 Driver Safety Program 4/30/12
- A.2.49 Worker's Compensation 4/30/12
- A.2.54 Attainment of a Juvenile Justice Certificate of Technical Studies 4/11/12
- A.3.1 Asset Management 4/3/12
- A.7.1 Safety Plan 4/9/12
- A.7.3 Facility Design/Space Management 4/11/12
- B.6.1 Health Care 4/23/12
- B.8.1 Telephone Usage by Youth and Monitoring of Calls 4/10/12
- B.8.8 Americans with Disabilities Act (Youth) 4/23/12
- C.2.7 Youth Drug/Alcohol Testing Program 4/5/12
- C.2.19 Youth Accountability/Secure Care Facilities 4/10/12
- C.2.20 Youth Transport 4/10/12
- C.2.22 Contraband Control at Secure Care Facilities 4/23/12

No policies were rescinded.

Staff Development Update

OJJ Transitions to American Heart Association for CPR/First Aid Training

By Fran Martin, Director of Staff Development

The Office of Juvenile Justice is currently transitioning from use of the American Red Cross protocol to the American Heart Association's protocol for our staff CPR/First Aid training.

The American Heart Association (AHA) CPR/First Aid Instructor Course was held recently at J. Levy Dabadie Correctional Center in Pineville. **Training Director Lt. Colonel John Packett** trained 16 OJJ staff as Training Center Faculty staff, who have the ability to train additional CPR/First Aid instructors for OJJ.

Lt. Colonel Packett's presentations were very interesting and informative. He is extremely creative with his PowerPoint presentations, and the demonstrations were effective in giving the staff a comprehensive understanding of the concepts. The class especially liked the first aid scenarios used in an accident scene. Despite tornado warnings and awful weather on the second day of training, all trainers completed their required teaching demonstration on a topic in the curriculum. OJJ instructors plan to use the demonstration techniques to increase participation and interaction during future training sessions.

OJJ is coordinating with the Department of Corrections for CPR instructor faculty training and AHA Training Center support. **Robert Krieg**, Training Director for the Department of Corrections, provided instructors with information on their responsibilities as Training Center Faculty staff. He is assisting OJJ in meeting the requirements of the DOC American Heart Association Training Center. This collaboration has provided us with the

support and enough trained staff to have a smooth transition.

We appreciate having the opportunity to coordinate with DOC and their AHA Training Center and benefiting from the expertise and experience of Robert Krieg and Lt. Colonel John Packett.



The AHA training class included, from left, Robert Krieg, DOC; Lt. Col. John Packett, Dabadie Correctional Center; Robert Johnson, Tallulah OJJ; Julia Jackson, Swanson; Delbert Blunt, Swanson; Kristi Credeur, Lafayette OJJ; Jacqueline Page, Baton Rouge OJJ; Carrie Austin, Hammond OJJ; Amanda Barber, Alexandria OJJ; James Woods, Swanson; Kasey Wall, Hammond OJJ; Letcia Green, Bridge City; Fran Martin, OJJ Staff Development Director; Fouad Harb, Jetson; Susan Taylor, Bridge City; Lance Daniels, Bridge City; Wanda Sylvester, Lafayette OJJ; Tyra Pollard, Jetson; Kelly Johnson, Jetson.

The following staff were awarded certificates as certified American Heart Association Faculty Center instructors:

Bridge City Center for Youth

Susan Taylor, Lance Daniels, Letcia Green

Jetson Center for Youth

Fouad Harb, Kelly Johnson, Tyra Pollard

Swanson Center for Youth

Delbert Blunt, Julia Jackson, James Woods

Alexandria Regional Office

Amanda Barber

Baton Rouge Regional Office

Jacqueline Page

Hammond Regional Office

Carrie Austin, Kasey Wall

Lafayette Regional Office

Kristi Credeur, Wanda Sylvester

Tallulah Regional Office

Robert Johnson

The instructors will begin training CPR/First Aid using American Heart Association materials and techniques during 2012 pre-service and in-service classes.

Success Stories

Natchitoches OJJ Reports Youth Success

By Monique D. LaCour, Program Specialist

A former OJJ youth, **Genica H.**, stopped in for a visit recently. I had supervised her in non-secure custody at Cane River Children's Services (CRCS). She said that she had an invitation for me, which took me a second to realize what it was for. When I asked her what we were celebrating, she said her graduation from Northwestern! My eyes immediately watered up with excitement for her. She received her Bachelor of Science in Family and Consumer Science in May.

While placed at Cane River, Genica enrolled at Northwestern State University. Upon release from OJJ custody she continued to pursue her education. However, due to the rising costs she enrolled in the Army Reserve to assist in paying her college expenses.

She got married and soon after was deployed to Afghanistan. During her deployment she remained in contact with CRCS staff who in turn kept me informed of her status.

Immediately upon her return to Natchitoches she was able to re-enroll in Northwestern. She and her husband are planning to move to Texas this year.

Alexandria Regional Office

"Chef Qualls" Prepares a Staff Breakfast



"Chef" RM Johnny Qualls recently prepared breakfast for staff to help keep morale high. Some of the staff pitched in and provided breakfast items, while Johnny volunteered to do all the cooking. The breakfast was much appreciated by all.

Administrative Professionals Honored

Our two administrative assistants, **Cassandra Conston** and **Sharon Graham**, were treated to a meal at Logan's Steak House and received nice gift baskets from supervisors for Administrative Professionals Day.

PPS Clay Dupuy, PPS John Baker, PPO1 Justin Guidry and **PPO 2 Brian Charles** attended the LJOA (Louisiana Juvenile Officers Association) Conference in Lafayette.

PPO 3 Heath Wallace attended PPCT Instructor Recertification held in Lafayette. Heath once again obtained his Instructor recertification. Good job, Heath!

Anniversaries Celebrated

AC3 Cassandra Conston, PPS Clay Dupuy, PPS Donna Desoto and **PPS John Baker** celebrate anniversaries this month. They each have many years of service to OJJ. Cassandra has 18 years; Clay has 12 years; Donna has 19 years; John has 23 years.

PPCT Training Held

Left, PPO2 Franklin Parrino takes down PPO Trinity Adams during PPCT training. Right, PPO3 Lori Mayeux handcuffs PPO3 Angelic Johnson.



PPO Demos Exacutrack

Exacutrack is a new electronic monitoring device introduced by contractor BI. **PPO3 Heath Wallace** volunteered to wear Exacutrack One for a week. He found it very beneficial for the office to use to better serve the youth. Heath wore the new monitoring system to allow the agency to try out the latest technology.



Way to go Alexandria OJJ! Another safety audit was completed and we passed with 100%. Thanks to **PPS Donna DeSoto, AC 4 Sharon Graham** and **PPO 3 Amanda Barber** for making this happen.



In a Change of Command ceremony, **Sara Johnson, daughter of Alexandria PPO 3 Lori Johnson Mayeux**, was promoted to Lt. Colonel of her high school Army JROTC. Sara is the first female Battalion Commander of the program for the school. We are so proud of her - congratulations, Sara!

Baton Rouge Regional Office

Congratulations to our “new” RM

Congratulations to our new **Regional Manager Michelle Thomas!** We are so happy that she was selected and we know that she will continue to do a wonderful job here at Baton Rouge OJJ.



Employee of the Month

Administrative Assistant Shalonda Wells was chosen by her coworkers as the March employee of the month because of her soft-spoken demeanor, her willingness to assist others, and her dedication to her job. Shalonda, we appreciate you and thank you for everything you do.



Kudos

PPO3 Patsy Adams reports that a youth from her caseload earned an early release from probation. The youth attended a local GED program and completed it while working part-time. He also began attending vocational training at Jumonville Adult Education Center in Pointe Coupee Parish. The youth will soon begin working at DOW Chemical.

We See You and You Are Looking Good

We showed our Administrative Coordinators *below*, **Shalanda Wells, Irma Gonzales, and Christiana Graham** how much we appreciate them. We presented them with balloon bouquets, and candy-filled jars to show how

much we appreciate all of the hard work they do here at Baton Rouge OJJ to make sure that things continue to run smoothly. We appreciate you ladies and **you are looking good!**



We completed our yearly weapons qualifications and once again everybody qualified! Great job, ladies and gentlemen - **we see you and you are looking good!**

We would like to express appreciation for **PPO Larry Aaron** for taking the time out of his busy schedule to assist all of the new hires on the range in preparation for the POST Academy. **Larry, we see you and you are looking good!**

RM Michelle Thomas, SSC Jennifer Anderson, PPO Yolonda Latimer, PPO Keelen Robinson and PPO Brandon Woods recently attended “Unity Day” at Glen Oaks Baptist Church. Unity Day is an opportunity for Louisiana citizens to share in fun, family values and fitness.

It was sponsored by a collaboration of local schools, churches, businesses, government agencies, health care institutions and law enforcement agencies, which came together to promote a holistic approach to problem-solving to deter crime and promote human development. Other participants at this event were staff from the Mayor’s Office, Baton Rouge Police Department, EBR Sheriff’s Office, YMCA, BREC, Glen Oaks Baptist Church, several state representatives, DCFS, Families Helping Families, Mount Olive Baptist Church and a host of others.

Pictured below, left, OJJ staff at Unity Day; right, Unity Day participants, and below, karate practice.



Cannon, PPO Brandon Woods, PPO Keelen Robinson and PPO Larry Aaron for boiling all of our delicious treats.

Special thanks to **SSC Jennifer Anderson** and **RM Michelle Thomas** for making the event happen! We truly appreciated the day!



Left, staff enjoying the meal. Right, the meal being prepared by PPO Larry Aaron, PPO Brandon Woods and PPS Rickey Cannon.

Congratulations



Congratulations to **PPO Shantia Roy Jones** on her marriage to **Jamison Jones**. On April 21 the couple celebrated their nuptials in a beautiful church ceremony followed

by an elegant reception at the historic Federal Ballroom in New Orleans. Congratulations to Shantia, we wish you and your husband the very best!

Thanks for a Fun Day

Baton Rouge OJJ closed out the month with some fun! We had a crawfish boil and it was AWESOME! Special thanks to **PPS Rickey**

Bridge City Center for Youth



Thaddeus Fouchea received an award for academic excellence at the recent LAMOD graduation. Thaddeus (Faith Dormitory) maintained perfect attendance throughout the five-week pre-service session and had the highest GPA, 96.5, totaling all tests given during orientation class. He is congratulated, above, by **Facility Director Namon Reid, III**.

Group Leaders
Lance Daniels
 (Serenity
 Dormitory) and
Leticia Green
 (Dignity
 Dormitory)
 practice 2-rescuer
 CPR at the
 American Heart



Association Faculty Instructors class, recently held at Dabadie Correctional Center in Pineville. Lance and Leticia, along with **Staff Development Specialist Susan Taylor**, accompanied teams from Jetson, Swanson and several regional offices to earn this advanced certification.

Look Out For This Budding Actress

Alaney Alexis Favorite played a role in a film called *DJango Unchained*.

Alaney is a 12 year old sixth grade honor roll student at West St. John Elementary School. She is the granddaughter of **Administrative Assistant Alana Burke**.



The production is being filmed in Wallace, near her hometown of Edgard. The film is being produced by Quentin Tarantino. The cast includes Jamie Foxx, Leonardo DiCaprio, Kurt Russell, Samuel L. Jackson and Don Johnson. It is scheduled for release in theaters on Christmas 2012.

A Word of Thanks

By Susan Taylor, Staff Development Specialist

Just a word of thanks to all those who put together the town hall meeting and the staff appreciation event in April. It was a good time of camaraderie and support for one

another! Let me tell you also how much I appreciate those of you who welcome and support our Pre-Service Trainees, and I encourage all of you to do so when the opportunity arises.

New Grandchild is Welcomed



Say hello to the newest addition to **Adm. Specialist Eddie Newsome's** mob of grandchildren. **Milan Mariah** was born September 22, 2011. She is the 14th grandchild for Eddie.

Central Office

Lynne Geromini turns 50

CQIS Administrative Program Director Lynne Geromini celebrated her 50th birthday recently. The youthful 50 year old was surprised with all-out decorations in her office, proclaiming her milestone birthday. Photo by Lynne's **daughter-in-law Schantell Ard**.



Money Raised for Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center

Central office raised \$327.00 to donate to Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center, to fight breast cancer. The effort was led by **Nita Franklin-Shanklin, Dr. Livers' assistant**.

Attorney Addresses Paralegal Association

OJJ Attorney **Steven Farber** addressed the Baton Rouge Paralegal Association about Senate Bill 58, concerning Human Trafficking. Steve was a big hit. There were 49 members in attendance at a luncheon at La Carreta's Restaurant. Steve's presentation garnered much interest and enthusiasm with the group. He was able to respond to numerous questions and received a big round of applause at the conclusion of his presentation.



Steve was chosen to serve on the Governor's Human Trafficking Study Group set up by Senate Concurrent Resolution 58 of the 2011 Regular Legislative Session. His service on this study group provided him with the expertise and exposure necessary to make his presentation to the Baton Rouge Paralegal Association memorable. Steve served the LA State Police Bureau of Investigations, Office of Motor Vehicles and the Liquefied Petroleum Gas Commission for 10 years before coming to OJJ two years ago.

OJJ Paralegal Elected Officer of Professional Association

The Baton Rouge Paralegal Association (BRPA) recently held its annual officer elections, and OJJ Paralegal **Lisa Patterson** was re-elected to the office of First Vice-President. Congratulations, Lisa!



Baton Rouge Paralegal Association, Inc. is the area's oldest professional paralegal association. It was formed in 1984 and is very active in the legal community and in the

professional lives of its members. BRPA provides many opportunities for continuing legal education and professional development to area paralegals and also to paralegals seeking to relocate to Baton Rouge from other areas around the country.

BRPA works in conjunction with the Baton Rouge Bar Association in sponsoring Law Day, Christmas Stars for underprivileged children and also Belly Up to the Bar, a friendly cooking competition put on each year by area law firms and open to the public.

BRPA is also very responsive to students enrolled in the LSU School for Paralegalism, one of the very few American Bar Association accredited paralegal educational programs in the state. BRPA is proud to boast a membership totaling 158 and growth continues to soar each and every month.

Angela Arabie Receives ACA Scholarship

ACA Accreditation Manager **Angela Arabie** received a scholarship that paid her expenses to the Correctional Accreditation



Manager's Association (CAMA) conference in Austin, Texas in April. An article in *The Criterion*, the newsletter for CAMA, noted that Angela was the recipient of the Linda J. Allen Scholarship.

Angela thanked the CAMA board and membership for the scholarship. "It has been a few years since I attended a conference," Angela told them. "I am very grateful for the opportunity to attend the conference. OJJ's central office reaccreditation audit is in a few weeks and we also have a facility accreditation audit this summer. The training received will be invaluable to get that accomplished."

Nancy Gautreau Retires, Goes Out in Style



To celebrate her retirement after 35 years of service, Community Based Services **Program Manager Nancy Gautreau** was feted at a gala retirement party staged by **DAS Carolyn**

Lewis and her staff. There was entertainment, gorgeous decorations, lots of guests and of course, a wonderful meal.

Nancy's family members came from near and far to join in her celebration. Her father, sister from Pennsylvania and brothers and sister-in-law were all present, as were several close friends and former colleagues.

Ever gracious, Nancy sent a lovely thank you:

Hello OJJ Family!

Thank you so very much for the beautiful and awesome retirement reception! The reception took my breath away and I will remember each and every moment of the event. I am so grateful for the tribute and just have so much gratitude in my heart for each and every one of you!



Nancy Gautreau, left, at the head table with her family – sister, sister-in-law, brothers and father.

It has been both personally and professionally fulfilling to work with each of you, one day at a time through the years. Each of you have meant the world to me and have inspired me in some way! *Each of You!* I could not have asked for a better career and I could not have been more fortunate to work with so many, many great and wonderful people! As I said in my comments at the reception, "I will remember each and every one of you and each of the conversations that we have had." You are all so very special to me and I will never forget you!

I would like to thank very much **Carolyn Lewis, Dr. Livers, Ellyn Toney, Kristi Martin, Walteree Barnes, Angela Bridgewater** and **Daron Brown** for the kind and gracious words you spoke at the reception! I appreciate very much your kindness and heartfelt sentiments.



Breaking into song are Nancy and friends: Keetsie Tullier Gunnels, Attorney, Office of the Louisiana Attorney General; Nancy Marie Gautreau, LCSW-BACS, ACSW, Retired, Louisiana Office of Juvenile Justice; Arlette Ourso, Retired, Louisiana Office of State Civil Service; Kim Bueche Hardman, Executive/Franchise Director, Physical Therapy Provider Network for Louisiana and Mississippi.

Thank you so much, **Reshonn** for the beautiful song that you sang...the phone has not stopped ringing and the text messages, emails and comments have not stopped coming to me regarding your beautiful voice and the tribute you made! Thank you so much!

I want to thank again **Angela Bridgewater** and the Social Services Staff, **Roxann Turcuit, Jennifer Anderson, Lori Wagner, Reshonn Saul, Claude Devillier, Daronda Parker-Lathan** and **Nelda Graham** for giving me the opportunity to work so closely with such a great staff! It has indeed been my pleasure!

I want to say thank you to all of the staff responsible for the delicious meal and the arrangements for the reception, the social services staff along with **Yolonda Latimer** and **Cobie Chauvin** from the Baton Rouge Regional Office.

A very special thanks to **Angela Bridgewater** and **Jennifer Anderson** for EVERYTHING they accomplished to make the retirement reception very, very special for me and my family! My family was thrilled to meet each and every one of you and they enjoyed themselves tremendously!

Only my best to each of you in the future and again, thank you so much!

Blessings,
Nancy Gautreau, LCSW-BACS, ACSW

OJJ Daughter Graduates with Honors



Program Specialist
Yezette White's
daughter, Xzania
Perzette White,
graduated with a B.S.
in psychology from
Howard University.
She graduated Summa
Cum Laude with a
cumulative GPA of 3.8. She was recently
inducted into the Phi Beta Kappa National
Honor Society and she has accepted Tulane
University's offer to pursue her Ph.D. in
psychology.

She has accomplished a lot and will obtain her master's degree on the way to the Ph.D. Tulane offered Xzania a tuition waiver for

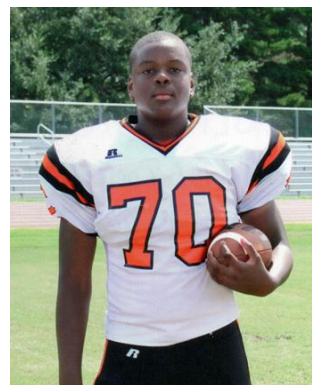
five years and a very nice yearly stipend. During her educational journey at Tulane, she has also been asked to teach an undergraduate psychology class as part of her Ph.D. pursuit.

Xzania has been offered employment at the Boys and Girls Club in Gretna. She has accepted the offer and agreed to work in their summer enrichment program where she will provide an educational curriculum to youth. After mentoring youth in the Washington D.C area, Xzania is excited about the opportunity to return home to Louisiana where she hopes to make a positive impact on the lives of the youth in our communities. We are so proud of our daughter and encourage her to remain focused as she pursues her dreams.

Louisiana Football Magazine Features OJJ Son

IT Director Vanessa Tom shared the story about her son **Cameron** published in *Louisiana Football Magazine*, below.

By Lee Brecheen



Cameron Tom (6-4, 285) - Catholic High School (Baton Rouge)

This kid has quick feet, great hands, is tough, can run block as a guard and tackle, and can pass block. He's also athletic enough to pull downfield and block several players during one play with ease. Cameron started his first season in 2011 as an offensive tackle, but he's incredibly gifted and his size is perfect for playing offensive guard for anyone in the United States. Cameron has special feet for a big guy over 6-4 in height, and he has yet to scratch the surface of his ability. I think he's the complete package and most gifted Guard in the state of Louisiana.

Mission: Making Dental Care Possible

Being on the business end of tooth extractions and assisting in filling teeth was not in the curriculum in journalism school, but **Communications Director Jerel Giarrusso** has learned to assist Denham Springs dentist **Dr. David Brown** on (almost) annual medical/dental missions to Honduras as members of her church's mission team. Jerel's **husband, Ted Hansen**, IT Supervisor at East LA Mental Health Hospital in Jackson, joined the dental team this year.

"Bringing care to people who cannot afford basic medical and dental care makes such a difference in their lives," Jerel said. Dr. Brown added, "painful teeth and gums can prevent people from getting adequate nutrition, and poor dental health impacts the immune system. Filling teeth that can be saved and extracting the ones that are too damaged makes a big difference in quality of life." The team works in small, rural villages, and returns annually to the tiny village where their church has a sister church.



Top left, a mobile dental office in a box contains high and low speed drills, suction, water and air sprays. It travels as a carry-on. Note the high tech drain system.

Top right, Jerel suctioning a patient while Dr. Brown prepares to perform a procedure. Left, Jerel teaches villagers to operate a sewing machine. The church is assisting in setting up a micro-business so the women can learn to sew items to sell to generate income.

Hammond Regional Office

Youth Highlight

By SSC4 Lori Wagner and PPO3 Kasey Wall

Jeremy N. initially came to OJJ for a pre-disposition investigation in February 2011, under less than favorable conditions. He was expelled from school for the remainder of the school year, and had been out of school since November 2010. He was facing possible custody with OJJ. His assigned PPO, **Kasey Wall**, met with Jeremy and his mother to formulate a service plan to keep Jeremy out of custody.

Jeremy desperately wanted to return to a regular school setting, however this was not a viable option for him at that time. His PPO knew that the judge would want to place him in a secure program if there wasn't an alternative educational plan for Jeremy.

Jeremy applied for the Youth Challenge Program. While awaiting his interview, Jeremy completed over 50 hours of community service work in less than two weeks - what an exemplary model he was for those completing community service. He also voluntarily attended anger management group counseling at OJJ and successfully completed that program in less than five weeks!

In July 2011 Jeremy began the Youth Challenge Program at Camp Beauregard. Throughout the program, Jeremy remained positive. He had no problems behaviorally or educationally. Jeremy stated that YCP "taught me to respect myself and how to be a man." He graduated from YCP in December 2011. Not only had he completed the program, but he also attained his GED while doing so! Jeremy indicated that everyone was very proud of him when he came home, and that he made his mom proud.

Jeremy currently attends Northshore Technical College through the Models for

Change OJJ grant. He was placed in the advanced Toyota T-TEN program, which is privately sponsored and guarantees him a job with Toyota upon completion, and which pays an excellent salary. His counselor reports that his attitude is always pleasant and that he is a model student. Jeremy indicates that the classes are challenging but he is enjoying them. He has several side jobs and is currently saving his own money to purchase his first vehicle. He looks forward to driving himself to college one day.

Jeremy reflected back to when he went to court for the first time. He didn't think there was much hope or that this agency held any options for him. He stated that his intentions were to continue the same behaviors; however, through OJJ, his PPO Kasey Wall and the collaborative efforts of his family, he was guided to develop attainable goals. His focused efforts and desire for a better life have enabled Jeremy to succeed. Jeremy is very grateful for the opportunities he has been afforded.

Join us in celebrating another success story from the Hammond Regional Field Office. Way to go Jeremy!

What's Going On...

PPO2 Leigh Calmes reports that a youth on her caseload who was on probation beginning in February 2008 and has been in and out of facilities and our custody since February 2009, is now at Harmony/HCI and has obtained his GED.

PPO3 Tiffany James reports that she received a voicemail from the mother of a youth she supervised on probation for two years, who just full termed at the end of January. She called to let her know that the youth passed his GED. Even though he's not on probation anymore, the youth's mother wanted to let Tiffany know that he passed. She also said that she thinks if it wasn't for Tiffany he wouldn't have made it this far and she

thanked Tiffany for everything she's done for the family.

PPO3 Tiffany James had a youth successfully complete inpatient treatment and he is due to get off probation soon. He also got a job and is doing well.

PPO3 Kasey Wall reports that a youth on her caseload obtained his GED and graduated from YCP in March.

PPO2 Jonathan Varnado had two youth graduate from Slidell City Drug Court in March.

PPO1 Julie Church had a youth graduate from Slidell City Drug Court in March with no sanctions. Through drug screens and curfew checks twice a week, this youth never had a positive screen and was always home by curfew. This youth also attended court and treatment sessions without fail. During the youth's graduation speech, she stated "This program has made me realize a lot, and how you don't need drugs in your life. This program has also brought my family closer. I would never put my family through this again."

PPO2 Jamie Oertel reports that a youth on her caseload graduated from YCP and obtained his GED. Another youth on her caseload also obtained his GED.

PPO2 Denise Wall had two youth accepted into YCP in April.

PPO3 Mark Benton has a youth that will soon graduate from the Hammond Vocational School.

PPO3 Penny Buniff reports that she has five youth currently in YCP and one attending Vo-Tech/GED at the Northshore Technical College campus in Greensburg.

PPO3 Amy Johnson reports that she has two youth who began YCP in April.

SUPERSTAR!

PPO2 Jonathan Varnado is the Hammond OJJ Superstar for April. He was recognized by **PPO2 Jamie Oertel** for dropping off a youth's clothes for her.

Training



Practicing CPR – pictured on the floor from back to front, PPO3 Jennifer Sirchia, RM Sue Larisey, PPO1 Adam Nyquist, PPO3 Mark Davis; seated at the table from left to right, PPO2 Denise Wall, PPO3 Danielle August and PPO3 Wendy Clark.

PPS Carrie Austin and **PPO3 Kasey Wall** presented CPR and First Aid Training to staff this month.

Newly hired staff and other employees completed the Mental Health Issues curriculum this month.

Staff Attend Law Day Program

In April **PPS Dawnita Hodge**, **PPO3 Mark Benton** and **PPO3 Kasey Wall** attended Law Day 2012, sponsored by **Judge Grace B. Gasaway** and the City Court of Hammond. The title of the program was “No Courts, No Justice, No Freedom.” Several youth from a local elementary school and a local high school attended this special event. Representatives from local law enforcement agencies, the Public Defender's office, and community providers were also present to celebrate this occasion.



Law Day 2012 – pictured from left, Judge Grace Gasaway, Clerk of Court and Drug Court Coordinator Guy Recotta and PPS Dawnita Hodge.

Jetson Center for Youth

Welcome – New Faces, Old Faces
JCY Has New Assistant Directors

Angela Sutton Named Assistant Director

Director Daron Brown announced the appointment of **Angela Sutton** to the position of Assistant Director.

“Team, we would like to give Angela Sutton a warm welcome to the JCY family,” Director Brown said. “Angela comes to us from Florida, with lots of experience. I know you will join me in welcoming her to Jetson and will give her your full cooperation as she pursues our important objectives.”



Angela received her Masters of Arts and Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from Southern University at New Orleans. She has worked in the criminal justice field for 13 years, beginning her career at the 22nd Judicial Drug Court in St. Tammany Parish as a case manager in 1999. In 2004 Angela relocated to Indianapolis, Indiana, and accepted a position as a treatment supervisor at the Pendleton Juvenile Correctional Facility, a maximum security

facility for males. While in Indiana, Angela held the positions of Program Director, Assistant Superintendent and eventually Superintendent of the Madison Juvenile Correctional Facility.

Angela's passion has always been juvenile justice and working with youth. In January 2012 she decided that she had been away from home far too long, and it was time to return to her home state of Louisiana to be closer to her family.

Angela is an advocate for juvenile justice reform, and she is looking forward to continuing her career at Jetson Center for Youth and the Office of Juvenile Justice.

Foad Harb Named Interim Youth Assistant Director



Foad Harb, who held the position of LAMOD Coordinator at Jetson, has been named Interim Assistant Facility Director. Foad has been with Jetson for seven years.

Foad was born and raised overseas and emigrated to the U.S. about 10 years ago. He received his Bachelor's degree in Public Administration and Political Science from a Lebanese university. Once he arrived in the United States he attended LSU where he studied in the English language orientation program. There he was able to learn the basics of the English language. To further his mastery of English, he enrolled at Baton Rouge Community College for various classes. In 2010 he received his Master's in Public Administration from Southern University.

Foad's career at Jetson began in 2005 when he was hired as a Youth Care Worker 1(YWC), working in Sunshine Dormitory.

Later he was promoted to a YCW2 position and then detailed as a YCW4.

As his career progressed at JCY he was promoted to the position of LAMOD Coordinator. Foad had an opportunity to visit Missouri to see how their program worked. He was very impressed with the model. When asked about his opinion on the success of LAMOD Foad said, "I believe in the model and know that it makes a difference. I've experienced firsthand the program with the youth and know that it makes a difference in the lives of the youth."

Foad said that he has been approached by youth at the facility who state that they want to be "just like him" and when he hears that he knows that he is making a difference in the life of the youth.

Foad has an impressive background, as he has worked in various programs and completed a number of trainings. His skills include Safe Crisis Management (SCM), Red Cross American Heart Association certification, teaching LAMOD, working in program operations, group dynamics, systems, accessing and moving groups and group facilitation skills just to name a few.

When asked about how he feels about his new position Foad responded, "I am very excited about the new challenge and advancing to the next level of my career. I look forward to assisting in the forward motion of the facility and in making a difference."

He also expressed his love for training and developing people. It is his hope that in this new position he will be able to continue to motivate, encourage and inspire those around him.

He also added, "It is my goal to also assist in moving the facility in a direction where it will become a safe, treatment-oriented facility and a leading example in the nation."

Mom Thanks Director Brown for Mentoring High School Student



Tara High School Senior Dee-Dee Holliday shadows Director Daron Brown.

Dear Director Brown:

I cannot thank you enough for what you have done for my child, Dee-Dee M. Holliday. You agreed to be her mentor for her school project, but to me it was more than just a project. You allowed my daughter firsthand on-the-job observations. For that, we are grateful to you. She was elated with joy just to know you took time from your busy schedule to come and help her with her Juvenile Facility Director presentation. At the end of the day, Director Brown, you have made a positive impact on my child. I cannot repay you for your time and dedication, but I can say, "Thank You, Thank You!" This project was a learning tool for Dee-Dee. In the future, maybe she will be a Juvenile Facility Director. Watch out Director Brown, you may consider retirement in a few years!

Sincerely,
DeLise M. Holliday,
Parent of Dee-Dee M. Holliday



English Rose "Charlotte" in Port Hudson.

Lafayette/Opelousas Regional Office

Welcome Aboard

The Lafayette region recently welcomed several new members to its family. Two new PPOs, **Charnell Jones** and **Ashley Laborde**, recently joined us.

We also welcomed **Transport Officer Judith Sylvester** and **Administrative Coordinators Cassandra Griffin** and **Jennifer Primeaux**. We hope they feel at home and among friends at OJJ.

Congratulations

Employee of the Quarter

Congratulations to **PPO Jamie Baronet** for being chosen as the Lafayette Region's Officer of the Quarter. Jamie was nominated by **PPS Chris Potier**, who commented, "Jamie is a great example for new officers, as well as for veteran officers."

Congratulations to **PPO Lynnette Broussard** for being promoted to the position of supervisor. Lynette has been the training officer for new PPOs, and her experience as a PPO will make her an asset to the supervisory body of the Lafayette Region.

PPOs Kristi Eames and **Wanda Sylvester** recently completed the certification course to become CPR/First Aid instructors.

Thanks

The Lafayette and Opelousas offices send a very big "thank you!" to the Lafayette region's firearms instructors, **PPO Bret Gould** and **PPS Courtney Holderman**, for helping the region during Firearms Recertification in April.

Staff Appreciation

The supervisors in the Lafayette and Opelousas offices recently showed their appreciation for the hard work of the staff by treating them to lunch. **PPS Joey Denais** grilled hamburgers and hot dogs, and side dishes and desserts were provided by the other supervisors. Everyone ate their fill, and had a wonderful time socializing with each other.

PPOs (Literally) to the Rescue

PPOs Kevin Broussard and **Bret Gould** were eating at a local restaurant after work, when a nearby patron became unresponsive. The victim's girlfriend became panicked when he slumped over in his seat. She could not tell if he was breathing, and thought he might be having a seizure. Bret secured the scene, calmed the victim's girlfriend, and asked the manager to call EMS, while Kevin checked for vital signs. The victim was breathing and had a pulse, so Kevin monitored him. The victim came to within minutes, and was asked questions to determine if he was oriented to time and place. When EMS arrived, he was examined, and it was determined that he was dehydrated and had simply passed out. EMS administered IV fluids, and the victim returned home with his girlfriend.

Lake Charles Regional Office

OJJ Anniversary

In April **Administrative Coordinator Erline Pierce** celebrated 23 years of employment with the State of Louisiana, and 18 ½ years of employment with OJJ. She is very grateful for her job.

Administrative Professionals Recognized

We celebrated Administrative Professionals Day to recognize **Administrative Coordinator 4 Annette Stoddard** and

Administrative Coordinator 3 Erline Pierce

- we hope they know how much we truly appreciate them! The photos below show tokens of our appreciation.



Staff Present Classes and Services in the Community

PPO Monet Newman recently presented a Juveniles Accepting Responsibility for Shoplifting (J.A.R.S) class while students were out of school for spring break/Easter holidays. **PPO Jeff Haley**, **PPO Ronald Gilchrist**, and other Lake Charles OJJ staff also attended to supervise kids, assist with transportation of youth to promote attendance, and to assist with any other needs for the presentation.

Kids from Beauregard and Calcasieu Parishes attended. Beauregard Parish officials have come to rely on us for this service and have requested to utilize this class as part of a diversion program to prevent youth from going further into the juvenile justice system. This presentation continues to meet a need in the community and has been a success.

Team Fontenot/Chambers/Gilchrist Encourage Boys Village Youth

PPO Fred Fontenot, **PPO Garrick Chambers** and **PPO Ronald Gilchrist** discussed the restorative justice topic of crime victim awareness with residents of Boys Village. The boys were encouraged to prepare victim apology letters and present them to

their probation officers for review (with specific instructions NOT to mail the letters to the victims, until reviewed by either the PPO or the treating therapist). The encouraging assignment was given to inspire thought, but will need to be overseen by those supervising these youth for appropriateness. The residents were encouraged to take some time and think about who they may have harmed, and the specific ways they caused the harm, as they were violating the law.

Fred, Garrick and **Ronald** invited and encouraged all Lake Charles OJJ staff members to come out and spend some quality time with the Boys Village youth, in a positive environment. All LC OJJ staff were welcome to play on the OJJ team or come to cheer! The common goal is always: bonding, reducing authoritative boundaries and appealing as human to these youth, demonstration of drug-free, fun activities, sportsmanship, giving your all, physical fitness, and working together as a team.

So, after the restorative justice presentation, **Team FGC** engaged in a game of softball with all the boys who wanted to participate. Initially, several boys sat on the side-lines and said that they would rather play basketball. By the end of the third inning, everyone was playing or participating in some way. (Good lesson of compromise and still enjoying one another, even if one doesn't get his way).

Fred played second baseman at the beginning of the game, for a brief amount of time. However, while Fred was second baseman, **Brennon D.** slid into base, was tagged out by Fred, but crashed into Fred's leg in the process, causing Fred to drop the ball. However, Brennon was still tagged out, which sent the Boys Village residents into an uproar, caused them to become even more fired up, and increased the level of competition! It was a GREAT start to the softball game.

However, after his minor injury and dramatic start to the game, Fred decided it would be best to fulfill the role of catcher for both

teams. Good times, man, and good lessons learned through sports! Kudos to **Fred, Garrick, and Ronald** who remain motivated to continue this physical activity that has proven to be an incredible tool in truly reaching our kids and modeling the way of appropriate behavior. It is reported that the Probation Officer Team won the game!

Kudos to PPO Fred Fontenot

PPO Fred Fontenot continues to do an incredible job researching juvenile sex offender policy and law. Fred received kudos for his ability to study and digest policy, for creating an action plan to promptly implement policies, demonstrating consistent concern for his caseload kids through the years, researching code and desiring to fulfill our legal responsibilities, making checklists and utilizing technology to make the job easier for others, implementing transport SharePoint programs to effectively communicate needs office-wide, making video conferencing how-to lists "for dummies," installing lock boxes and fixing computers, etc..... These are all such great contributions and there are so many more. Fred is an asset to our team. Possibly his best quality is his ability to laugh at himself when he makes mistakes and recover with dignity from those mistakes.

In addition, **Fred** earned further recognition from the supervisory staff. Fred reviewed the JETS Weekly Report email that shows errors. His proactive efforts resulted in **RM Ann Vick** sending an email recognizing Fred's accomplishments to the office, saying "Wow!!!!!! I'm impressed. Keep up the good work." Our list of needed corrections was remarkably small.

Continued thanks to **Fred** for assuming the bulk of responsibility in arranging transports for our office. We all agree this is a time consuming, overwhelming task.

Thank you to **Fred**, who continually updates the SharePoint Database for our

forms/checklists. Fred also tends to all of our technology and equipment needs (such as lock box installations). Fred is always looking out for those in the office; his willingness to help and generosity are greatly appreciated by so many of us.

Welcome

Welcome aboard to Lake Charles OJJ **Transport Officer Ken Connell**.

PPO Angie Stevens and other **probation officers** continue to reward Boys Village residents, who earn honor roll status or perfect behavior points for a certain period of time, with a buffet lunch at pizza, Chinese, and/or Ryan's restaurants.

Two **probation officers** each sent in a different proposal to the JETS HelpDesk for additions or amendments to existing forms and JETS options, and both suggestions were successfully added into the JETS database for future use. It was extremely encouraging to feel some ownership and see a recommendation accepted as valuable to others!

Thank you to **probation officers** who are willing to adapt their schedules in order to volunteer to attend court and conduct necessary transports, despite last-minute notifications and inopportune times a PPO's service is needed. (including holidays)

Administrative Coordinator 3 Erline Pierce participated in a walk for Autism in Lake Charles on a Saturday in April.

Kudos to several officers who announced an opportunity to "Walk for Child Abuse Prevention." And, kudos to **Administrative Coordinator 3 Erline Pierce** and others who volunteered to walk on a Saturday, for this great cause.

Thank you to **PPO Monet Newman** for assisting our office in the creation of a Victim

Impact Statement to assist in communication and gathering of victim related information.

Thank you to those who assisted with the creation of our office's Closure Survey for Youth.

Thank you to anyone who has seen a need by the office and created an instrument or organizational procedure to easily fulfill that need.

PPO Garrick Chambers did a great job during his first opportunity for annual firearms qualifications as our office's Firearms Instructor. Kudos to all officers who reported for practice, cooperated with the instructors, and successfully qualified with your duty weapon!

Leadership was demonstrated by one staff member who represented Lake Charles OJJ by attending Sam Houston High School's Celebration of Life, which was an after-hours community gathering to prevent suicide, educate the public about youth suicide, offer resources to call for help if risk of suicide is evident, and to honor/remember three local students who committed suicide during this 2011-2012 school year.

Achooo the Clown Debuts

We respect the service to his community continually demonstrated by **PPO Jeff Haley**. During the Easter holiday, Jeff volunteered with the Masons and the Shriners to host an Easter egg hunt, provide clown services, and create balloon animals for local children. Jeff's philanthropy is ongoing and admirable. It is an honor to announce the debut of Jeff's clown alter ego: "ACHOOO!"

Jeff had more community involvement and gifts of service through his performance as a Shriner's clown for a community Easter egg hunt and for the (NAMI) National Association for Mental Illness walk.

Jeff is also our Safety Officer and his organizational skills earned our office a 100% audit finding.



Jeff Haley, a.k.a. "Achooo" the clown, and his almost-five-year-old son, Zachary.

In April administrators from Lake Charles OJJ, Lake Charles DCFS, Lafayette DCFS and Lafayette OJJ participated in a collaborative meeting in Crowley to present the **Working Together for Families (WTF)** initiative created in 2006 as a result of a tragedy in a nonsecure setting. **PPS Melissa Cross** and the DCFS representative serving on the WTF Board offered to model the WTF process for the executive team, by allowing them to visit one of our monthly meetings.

Lafayette DCFS and OJJ were given an outline of the Lake Charles present-day collaboration and were given issues to discuss when creating their own local collaboration.

We were proud to present on a topic for a board that has been successful! We hope they are able to successfully replicate the model to consolidate services, enhance resources, and have a method to provide more informed service for their local families.

In April many representatives from Lake Charles OJJ participated in a meeting with **Dr. Yolanda Crump**, OJJ's Sexual Offender Treatment Coordinator, **Terry Lane** of ThinkChange Interventions, and the staff of the La Maison de Grace Transitional Living Program (TLP) for an informative discussion and planning for this special population of youth. The purpose of the meeting was to explore the appropriateness of sex offenders

being placed at TLP. Lots of good discussion and pre-placement protocol were established.

The annual Office of Risk Management (ORM) Safety Compliance Audit was completed and a "job well done" was extended to **PPO Jeff Haley** and **Administrative Coordinator 4 Annette Stoddard**. Thank you for efficiently handling this annual safety audit and communicating remaining adjustments that should be made. We are proud of your willingness to learn and to continue to improve this process. Congratulations on your ability to provide documentation for all requests made during the audit process!

The office honored survivors of sexual assault in April.

As an expression of appreciation for Mother's Day, **Administrative Professional Erline Pierce** honored all mothers in the office with a beautiful white rose.

PPS Melissa Cross participates as a member of the Training Committee to plan supervisory trainings. Melissa was asked to present at the May training in Lafayette and received many kudos for her efforts in giving a PowerPoint presentation. Melissa became a recipient of "Encourage the Heart!"

Several staff members expressed appreciation to our administrative professionals, **Annette Stoddard** and **Erline Pierce**, and honored them on their special day in April. These ladies help us a great deal and are worthy of a public "thank you."

Administrative Coordinator 3 Erline Pierce participated in the NAMI Walk.

PPO Hollie Comeaux initiated a Biggest Loser contest in our office and another probation officer is assisting her to facilitate the contest and record weights. Lake Charles OJJ staff desire to be healthier, so we can do a better job and to remain healthy to do it

longer! MANY officers signed up to participate.

PPO Hollie Comeaux did a great job with a most challenging youth - a young female who needs a lot of attention and intervention. Hollie's efforts resulted in the court agreeing to allow another try at home with the mother.

Many Lake Charles OJJ youth are earning their education. **PPO Monet Newman** has been encouraging **Kyle M.** to finish his high school education and we are anticipating a good report noting that he has earned his GED.

In April our office had a Stay-in-Day for **Leadership Training**. Lunch was provided and the movie *The Shawshank Redemption* was discussed, to review examples of positive and negative leadership.

Seen on the Wild Cajun Prairie

On the way to a client's home in Iowa, LA, two Lake Charles OJJ employees admired the beauty of the local surroundings. There is a fenced yard containing ZEBRAS and another yard near the client's home has a covered wagon. You just never know what you might stumble upon when carrying forth the mission in the field. See photos below.



The Stork continues to circle Lake Charles OJJ; babies/grandbabies are beginning to arrive. During the year of 2012, our office is anticipating the birth of two baby boys and two baby girls. The stork also left some door decorations to celebrate the first birth.

CONGRATULATIONS to you all.

Representatives from Lake Charles' Team 5 visited to give an in-service and complimented our probation officers for the care exhibited for our kids in their program. An initiative of **Mayor Randy Roach**, Team 5 is a local program for at-risk youth. Their volunteers connect with the kids and do whatever it takes to make them successful - tutoring, activities, outings, one youth even moved in with one of the volunteers when he needed a home. They are doing excellent work with at-risk teens.

Monroe Regional Office

Congratulations to OJJ Daughter

Monroe OJJ would like to recognize a family member of one of our staff. **Shantrail Scott**, daughter of **Transport Officer Credell Scott**, is the 911 Call Center Manager in Ouachita Parish. She was recently honored for her part in an act of heroism that led to the safe birth of a healthy baby boy. Shantrail was on duty when she received a 911 call from a 6 year old girl who said her mother was having a baby. The young girl was able to follow Shantrail's instructions and successfully cleared her baby brother's mouth and nose so he could start breathing. Paramedics soon arrived on the scene, and gave the "big sister" credit for saving the newborn's life. The 6 year old had been taught the proper use of 911 at her school. Shantrail said, "We realized the importance of our listening skills and we know that we cannot underestimate what a child can do."

Training

Monroe OJJ staff completed mandatory annual training on the topics of Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Blood Borne Pathogens, Drug Free Workplace, Sexual Harassment and Violence Free Workplace. Instructors were **Program Specialist Walteree Barnes, PPS Karl Wallace and PPS Gail Wilson.**

PPO2 Steve Pelfrey and PPO2 Jeremy Fox attended CQIS Site Coordinator Training in Baton Rouge.

PPS Linda Williams, PPO3 Hannah Dozier and PPO2 Cheryl Pringle presented SAVRY Refresher Training recently. Together, staff completed a SAVRY on a test case provided by the instructors.

PPS Karl Wallace and PPO3 Erica Hollingsworth participated in Risk Management Training held at Delta Community College in Monroe. Topics included General Safety, Driver's Safety, and Bonds & Crimes.

RM Patty Newman along with her supervisors and PPOs, completed National Youth in Transition Database (NYTD) webinar training. **Christy Tate** from DCFS conducted the training.

PPS Orlando Davis presented information on heat stress for our quarterly training meeting.

Mandatory annual training in Social Networking, Return to Work Policy, and Mandatory Reporting of Abuse and Neglect was conducted by **PPS Gail Wilson** for all Monroe OJJ staff.

Auditor Gay Lynn Brown from central office conducted a payroll audit and provided training for **Administrative Coordinator 4 Gay Nivens** and **Administrative Coordinator 3 Kashka Flintroy.**

Goings On

Safety Coordinator Debbie Linder from central office and **Katherine Pee** recently conducted the ORM Compliance Review for Monroe OJJ. **Safety Compliance Officer PPO3 Erica Hollingsworth** and **Assistant Safety Officer PPS Karl Wallace** received a positive report following the audit. Good job y'all!

Regional Manager Patty Newman and several members of the Monroe OJJ staff attended the Celebration of Change program at Swanson Center for Youth. Speakers for the event included **DAS Carolyn Lewis, DAS Sean Hamilton** and **OJJ Deputy Secretary Dr. Mary Livers.** Youth presented readings that detailed the history of SCY, and the youth choir entertained during the program and throughout lunch. **SCY Director Vickie Shoecraft** and the Celebration of Change committee are to be congratulated for an excellent program and meal.

Debi Gayle from Big Brother Big Sister spoke with staff regarding the program and its benefits. The agency is interested in working with OJJ to assist youth in our community.

Community Activities and Service

Monroe OJJ would like to say THANK YOU to all of our staff who volunteer their time and effort in the community. **You make us proud!**

United Way is conducting Dollars and Sense Reality Fairs to help teens prevent costly mistakes that can follow them into their adult life. **PPO2 Mark Miller** volunteered and manned a booth at a fair held at West Monroe High School.

Also volunteering recently were **PPO2 Valerie Nordstrom** and **PPO2 Jeremy Fox** who worked a booth at the Union Parish Health Fair at the Farmerville High School. Approximately 50 students stopped by the

booth to review literature including the *LA Criminal Code Book* and OJJ's *A Chance for Change* booklet and *No Excuse for Abuse* pamphlet. In addition, OJJ magnets were handed out to students.

PPS Karl Wallace, PPS Gail Wilson, PP03 Willie Hunter and **PPO3 Gary Hunter** recently participated in the 21st Annual Sickle Cell Anemia Run/Walk-a-thon held at the Monroe City Zoo. Willie and Gary ran the 2.2 miles. Karl and Gail walked the distance (but at a brisk pace). It was all for a good cause and everyone had a great time. Willie's 7 year old **daughter, Jaioni**, ran the course with her father and was awarded the 1st place Run Trophy for females ages 6 -11. YES, Jaioni crossed the finish line before Karl and Gail. Willie was a proud Papa.



Left, Willie Hunter and daughter, Jaioni at the 21st Annual Sickle Cell Run / Walk.

Below, PPS Karl Wallace, PPO3 Willie Hunter and PPS Gail Wilson at the 21st Annual Sickle Cell Anemia Run / Walk.

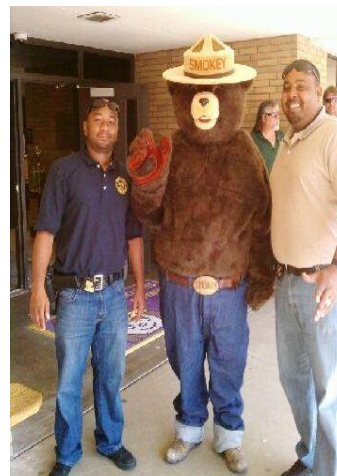


PPO3 Patrick Cooper and **PPO3 Erica Hollingsworth** represented OJJ at a booth at the Richwood Community Fair at the Richwood Community Center. People of all ages stopped by to ask questions and learn more about OJJ.



PPO3 Erica Hollingsworth and PPO3 Patrick Cooper recently represented OJJ at the Richwood Community Fair.

PPS Orlando Davis attended the Models for Change Conference held in New Orleans, along with **Judge Sharon Marchman** and representatives from ULM and the Fourth Judicial District Court.



PPO2 Garner Brass and **PPS Orlando Davis** attended the Career Day at Jack Hayes Elementary School. It was a great experience for the kids as well as Orlando and Garner, and many questions were asked and

answered. A highlight of the day was the special appearance of Smokey the Bear. Garner and Orlando had to be tough guys and have their picture taken with Smokey. After that, more adults took pictures with Smokey than students. It was a great day. As always, OJJ sets the trend.

Expectant Couple Feted with Shower

Monroe OJJ recently held a baby shower for **PPO2 Valerie Nordstrom and her husband, Brian**. The couple will welcome their first child, **Daphne Isabelle** in May. Valerie and Brian opened gifts and enjoyed the delicious refreshments. **PPS Karl Wallace** attempted some "early recruiting" when he gave Baby Daphne a Dallas Cowboys Tony Romo jersey. Give it up Karl, her first words will be "Who Dat"!



Valerie and Brian Nordstrom at the baby shower at Monroe OJJ



Karl Wallace's gift for Baby Daphne.



Plumeria, aka frangipani, in Key West, Florida.

Natchitoches Regional Office

Congratulations

Employee of the Month

PPS Simon Sarpy



Community Involvement

All field staff received their re-certification for firearms training.

SSW5 Nelda Graham attended the 2012 NASW-LA Annual Conference in Baton Rouge, the quarterly social service staff meeting in Lafayette, and the Natchitoches FINS meeting.

A Black History Month celebration was held at the Frankie Ray Jackson Technical Center by **Social Worker Nelda Graham** and **PPO Kelvin Jones**. Nelda gave a presentation on social work.

The students enjoyed viewing over 50 exhibits of the earliest historical landmarks to the present day. The exhibits were loaned to the OJJ by the Northwestern State University Cultural Diversity Department. Checker's hamburgers were donated to the students by a local African American entrepreneur who owns a Checkers franchise.

PPS Kristen McComic attended the Sabine Planning meeting in Many.

PPS Simon Sarpy and **PPO Christopher Wyatt** attended the LA Drug Court Conference in New Orleans.

New Orleans/Jefferson Regional Office

Congratulations

Employee of the Month – Karen Ragan



OJJ has found **Administrative Coordinator 2 Karen Ragan** to be consistently pleasant when tackling all assignments with much needed dedication and to add in a smile while doing so. Besides being a joy to have at

our agency, Karen is a take-charge person who is able to present ideas and communicate with staff on a professional level.

She has developed a plan and strategy on ALL of our transports, making the job much easier for staff in our office and other OJJ regions. Karen has assumed a leadership role in directing transports and we are very grateful to have her.

Karen is also extraordinarily helpful in other areas throughout our office. She is definitely a great team player and is an asset to OJJ.

Social Work Matters!



PPS Lydia Johnson, left, congratulates Social Worker Roxann Tuircuit.

March was Social Workers Month, and New Orleans OJJ honored their social worker, **Roxann Tuircuit**, with an event themed "Social Work Matters." The program opened

with a prayer of thanksgiving. The staff recognized Roxann by expressing words of appreciation and celebrated with a beautiful cake adorned in pink, Roxann's favorite color. Roxann expressed her gratitude, and of course, she encouraged the staff to continue reaching out to our youth today, as they are tomorrow's future. OJJ showed appreciation by supporting Roxann's attendance at the National Association of Social Work Conference in Baton Rouge.



Reminder, no, your work is not in vain! The beautiful cake presented to Roxann Tuircuit.

Community Involvement

PPO Stanley Schofield Addresses Youth

PPO3 Stanley Schofield had the privilege of being a motivational speaker for 200 graduating seniors at Helen Cox High School in Jefferson Parish. He presented the message "Yes, I Can" which includes group activities.

Stanley also paid a visit to William Fischer Elementary School in New Orleans to participate in the Stop the Violence program, focusing on "If Not You, Who? If Not Now ...When? If Not Here....Where?" Approximately 450 enthusiastic students tuned in to Stanley's message.

Thank you, Stanley, for making a difference in our youths' lives.

PPOs Vera Seals and Austin Johnson, III, pictured below, participated in the Helen Cox High School Annual Multicultural Celebration. Vera, who is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and Austin, a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, joined with other Greek organizations to speak to the

students as a part of this year's "Individually Unique but Together Complete" Day.



Vera and Austin discussed topics relative to sisterhood/brotherhood and Finer Womanhood/Manhood 101, in small classroom or grade level forums. Both PPOs have been invited back to next's year's program to share with the students, who expressed how much they enjoyed the words of encouragement delivered by our OJJ employees.

Youth Empowerment Project –Hot off the Press!



We are once again conducting Wednesday night male empowerment groups and Thursday night female groups. YEP is doing their capital campaign and we have been extremely busy getting funding for acquisition of the new youth center building. Additionally, we worked on a May Lemonade Day, and our YEP summer scholars program for older youth and summer camp for our after school younger youth.

OJJ Daughter's Outstanding Accomplishment

PPO Nakia A. Harris's nine year old daughter Ashley C. Harris was chosen by Schaumburg Elementary School to be their Cox Inspirational Hero this year. Ashley was recognized for her perseverance to succeed despite her orthopedic impairment. Ashley was born with cerebral palsy, which affects



her mobility. As a result, Ashley uses a walker. She has worked very hard to overcome her personal adversities and she has maintained a positive attitude. Ashley's bright smile is welcome to her teachers and classmates. She loves helping others and

doing the right thing because it is truly the right thing to do! Ashley's GPA is 3.83. She loves reading, science and watching CSI. Ashley aspires to one day attend Xavier University to study forensic science.

Shreveport Regional Office

Employees of the Month

Congratulations

PPO2 Jessica Flores – March

PPO3 Todd Carlisle – April

RM Kristi Martin, PPS Rick Ladner, PPS Terri Harber and PPS Kim Carlisle attended the Swanson Center for Youth Celebration of Change in Monroe.

Program Specialist Jan Crain, PPS Kim Carlisle and PPS Rick Ladner attended the Choices open house in Mansfield, hosted by the new Magellan wrap around agency.

Shreveport completed the PPCT 16 hour refresher course conducted by **PPO3 Todd Carlisle** at the Shreveport office

Firearms requalification was conducted by **PPO3 John Whitlock and PPO3 Charles Herrmann** at the Caddo Parish Sheriff's Academy.

Swanson Center for Youth

SCY and CCS Pitch in for “Family”

Swanson and CCS staff pitched in for members of our SCY family. **Training/Development Specialist James Woods and his wife, Instructor Teicha Woods**, lost their home and all belongings to a fire. A fundraiser selling nachos was held to raise money for the Woods. CCS staff collected donations and presented the Woods with a \$500 Visa card.



Above, James Woods, center, with several CCS staff. Below, James, center, with CCS HAS Kevin DeBruhl and LaShonda James, CCS Administrative Assistant.



The Biggest Loser

Swanson and CCS employees began the “Biggest Loser Contest” - an “8 week challenge to becoming a healthier you.” Staff was encouraged to eat healthy, exercise and attend workout sessions with the Certified Personal Trainer (hired to work with the group) during the 8 weeks. The three top participants with the highest percentage of weight loss will win cash prizes. The program was coordinated by **LaShonda James, CCS Administrative Assistant** along with aid and guidance by **Kevin DeBruhl, CCS Health Service Administrator**. Thus far, Team Swanson has lost approximately 170 lbs.



Director Vickie Shoecraft and CCS Nurse Lee MaGaha.



SSD Instructor Leanne Smith and CCS Nurse Lee McGaha.



CCS Admin. Asst. LaShonda James and Instructor

Deon Jiles; JJS3 David Staten.

Volunteer Training

Seventy-five people attended volunteer orientation training, held for present and new volunteers. The training was facilitated by **Training Specialist Delbert Blunt**. **Director Vickie Shoecraft** gave warm words of welcome and **Rev. Bruce Thorn** led the group in prayer. **Deputy Director Germaine Simon** helped transport volunteers to and from Pine dorm to get picture IDs made by **JJS 3 Sharon Jackson**.

CCS Administrative Assistant LaShonda James served refreshments, along with volunteer **Mrs. Linda James**, and assisted volunteers in completing registration and agreement forms. Some of the training topics were PREA, sexual harassment, confidentiality, rules and regulations, volunteer suggestions, contraband, professionalism, safety and searches.

Epiphany #21

Epiphany #21 was recently held, with 31 volunteers and 29 youth participating in this awesome three day event. Our youth had a great time. There was a lot of food, fun, counseling, prayer time, reading and singing. They were on their best behavior. Epiphany is a spiritual renewal program for youth.

Cypress Dorm Gets New Name and New Program

The Behavioral Modification program housed at Jetson was recently relocated to Swanson's campus. **Director Vickie Shoecraft** challenged the staff to come up with a new name for the program. She said the winner would be treated to lunch with her and the deputy directors. The winning name was **Victory Transitional Unit**, submitted by **Social Service Counselor Pathina Anderson**.

Victory means an achievement of mastery or success in a struggle or endeavor against odds or difficulties. Pathina said, "The youth housed in this unit will need insight on their

struggles and faults, so when they are faced with various types of adversity they will have the tools to become victorious."

Congratulations, Pathina!

Rec Therapist Inducted into College Sports Hall of Fame

Congratulations to **Recreation Therapist Supervisor Gwendolyn Gene**,

who was recently inducted into the Hinds Community College Utica Campus, Sports Hall of Fame. Coach Gene was named Academic Athlete of the Year.

She averaged 30 points per game with an average of 6 blocked shots and 10-15 rebounds. Coach Gene was also voted All-Star, All-State, All-Conference and received 6th place in the 1990-91 National Junior College Athletic Association (NCJAA) Tournament.



SCY Track Team Inspires Us



The Swanson track team at a meet with Ouachita Christian School. Their team met with our team in prayer after the meet.

Tallulah Regional Office

PPO Fred Laing reports that youth **Coby O.** earned his GED at Swanson.

Youth Has Successful Furlough and Visit

PPO3 Truett Glass recently had the pleasure of meeting with youth **Adderrear R.** and his mother **Jennifer** during his furlough from Swanson. Adderrear and his mother were both very excited and happy to be together for his first unsupervised visit in the community.

Adderrear was proudly wearing his medals from a recent track meet in Monroe. He said teamwork was the motivation behind winning the medals. Adderrear received Silver and Bronze awards for finishes in the 4X400 and 4X100 relay events.

His mother was quite impressed with her son's progress over the last several months. Jennifer proudly spoke of her son's participation on the Swanson track and field team and his progress in the welding vocation class.

She said her son's placement in custody has been very emotional for her, but she can see the results of Adderrear's and Swanson's counselors' hard work towards change.



Pictured are cousin Thomas C., youth Adderrear R. and mother Jennifer F.

Thibodaux Regional Office

Congratulations

Employees of the Month

PPO Heidi McElroy was selected **April Employee of the Month.**

PPO Jaime Hebert was the **May Employee of the Month.**

Both officers are valuable assets to our team here in Thibodaux.

Youth Success Reported

PPO Rachel Loupe, reported the following success stories:

Devin M. was recognized at the State Level for Young Authors. A short story he wrote will be published in this year's edition.

Kiara H. will attend 4-H University at LSU, and she has been elected by peers as Reporter for the 4-H Junior Leader Club.

Lakyrion S. is on target to complete AMI Kids-Bayou Region after only four months. He serves as a group leader and is a member of the AMI Kids Basketball team.

Going the Distance

PPO Peter Pobocik attended a mentor training and family day for youth **Rhett T.**, at the Youth Challenge Program in Pineville. While he was there, Peter also met with another youth on his caseload, **Tyler M.** It was a long day for Peter. He left at 5 a.m. and did not return to Thibodaux until 6:30 p.m. Way to go, Peter!

PPOs JaNise Williams, Rachel Loupe, Herman Matherne and **Summer Ferriera** attended the 2012 Louisiana FINS Association Conference in Baton Rouge.

AMIKids Hosts Basketball Tournament

AMIKids Bayou Region hosted their annual basketball tournament at the Bayou Dularge Recreation Center in Theriot. AMI students from Bayou Region, Jefferson, Southwest, Baton Rouge, Red River, Alexandria, Acadiana and Donaldsonville programs came out and participated in this awesome event.

The kids seemed to enjoy themselves and had a great time competing one another.

Thibodaux OJJ PPOs Sandra Rodrigue, Keith Kotoski, Heidi McElroy, Allison Lirette, Eddie Fannin, Tracy Theriot, Lori Babin and RM Angela T. Koenig also attended to support our kids.



PPO Allison Lirette and Mikelra R. at the AMIKids basketball tournament.



Louisiana Iris in Port Hudson.

Some messages from the animal world...





BCCY Culinary Arts & Occupations



Chef Ronald J. Sonnier, CEC Recipe of the Month

It's strawberry picking time, and the recipe for the strawberry dessert I have for this month is probably one on the most delicious things you will ever eat. I know you are probably thinking "vinegar marinated strawberries???" but believe me, you will love it. Mascarpone cheese is a double fat cream cheese and can be found at most super markets, but I've not seen it at Wal-Mart lately. Go to Whole Foods and get some real nice balsamic vinegar, please don't use a cheap brand. When you add the powdered sugar to the cheese it is simply wonderful, but I have added a little hazelnut syrup to flavor it at times. It adds a little added flavor but is okay without the syrup.

The students of Culinary Arts had the privilege of putting together a formal luncheon recently and had a chance to really experience the whole process of setting up, cooking and serving, and I even let them clean it up after it was over. The menu consisted of a freshly tossed mixed green salad with a creamy poppy seed dressing, boneless chicken breast stuffed with a crawfish and shrimp dressing then topped with a mushroom, tri-colored pepper cream sauce, and sautéed shrimp. This was served with fresh buttered asparagus, and rosemary-roasted new red potatoes tossed in parmesan cheese. Then we served a wonderful bananas foster cheese cake topped with whipped cream for dessert.

Everyone really enjoyed the meal, and of course, that made the students so proud of themselves, knowing that they put it all together. It is so wonderful to see the students experience the process of putting a nice meal together and sitting back saying "we did that!"



From left: the main entrée, stuffed chicken with asparagus and rosemary potatoes. Student Isaiah P. shows off the bananas foster dessert. Fresh tossed salad greens with creamy poppy seed dressing. Table set up for the guests.



Balsamic Marinated Strawberries



From Ruffino's

6 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
1/2 cup sugar
2 cups strawberries, hulled and quartered

8 lady fingers or biscotti
1 cup mascarpone cheese
1/2 cup powdered sugar
Mint leaves to garnish

To make the marinade, in a small mixing bowl whisk the balsamic and sugar together and let sit. Toss the strawberries and balsamic and allow to macerate.

In another mixing bowl, whisk the mascarpone and sugar until thin and well blended. In a martini glass, crumble a lady finger and top with a half cup of strawberries. Pour on some of the marinade.

Top with a dollop of sweetened mascarpone and garnish with mint and a lady finger.



Shrimp Diablo



2 oz. margarine or butter
1 small onion
1 small green bell pepper
1 rib celery
5 oz. smoked sausage
1 1/2 lb. shrimp (50/60 count)
1 1/2 tsp. basil leaves
1/2 tsp. thyme leaves
1 tsp. granulated garlic or 1 toe garlic,

chopped fine
1/4 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. white pepper
4 fl. oz. tomato puree
7 oz. diced tomatoes
2 fresh Jalapeno peppers, diced with seeds removed
4 fl. oz. béchamel (cream) sauce
1/4 cup chopped parsley

Dice onions, bell pepper and celery into 1/4 inch cubes. Cut smoked sausage in half lengthways then cut into 1/8 inch thick slices. Prepare cream sauce (your favorite recipe) and set aside.

In a heavy bottom pot melt the margarine and add onions, bell peppers and celery. Sauté until vegetables become lightly limp. Next add smoked sausage and cook for approximately 5 minutes. Add shrimp, basil, thyme, garlic, salt and pepper; cook until shrimp turn light pink. Next, add tomato puree and sauté for about 2 minutes to remove the strong taste of tomatoes. Add diced tomatoes, diced jalapenos and béchamel sauce. Mix well and let cook for about 3 minutes. Add chopped parsley just before serving. Serve over mashed potatoes, rice or creamy grits.

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